

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 15, 16, 18-28 and 30 remain pending in the present application. Claims 15, 20, 22 and 30 are amended to clarify elements recited therein. Further support for these clarifications is found at least at Figure 1 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

By way of summary, the Official Action presents the following issues: Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; Claims 15, 16, 18-28 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Chang et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0131167, hereinafter Chang) in further view of Ludwig et al. (U.S. Patent 7,185,054, hereinafter Ludwig).

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The Official Action has rejected Claims 15, 16, 18-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Chang and Ludwig. The Official Action contends that Chang and Ludwig describe or suggest all of the Applicant's claimed features. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant's amended Claim 15 recites, *inter alia*, a device for managing remote conferences including:

means for receiving, from a telephone conference bridge, participant audio presence data of an audio conference;

storage means for storing user telephone number data in association with device data identifying a user multimedia apparatus which is not utilized to conduct the audio conference;

means for determining, by the audio presence data and the device data, multimedia apparatuses of participants of the audio conference; and

means for providing multimedia data files to the multimedia apparatus using the device data.

Chang describes a method by which participants of a conference call may be automatically contacted utilizing a call log feature of a communication device. In operation, a conference database (135) may be utilized for storing conference logistics for use by the system. The conference logistics may be provided by a user in response to a menu system.¹ Additionally, a profile database (140) may be created for storing participant profile data, such as telephone number and address information.

The Official Action notes that Chang does not disclose or suggest storing a user telephone number in association with device data identifying a user multimedia apparatus nor does it determine by the audio present data and the stored device data a multimedia apparatus of participants of the audio conference. In this regard, the Official Action has identified Ludwig as described in these features.

Ludwig describes a video conference system in which multimedia resources (16) which are accessible to users of the video conference via a collaborative multimedia workstation (CMU).²

Conversely, in an exemplary embodiment of the Applicant's claimed advancements, a device for managing remote conferences is provided. Participant audio presence is provided from a telephone conference bridge of a telephone conference. A user telephone number is stored in association with device data identifying a user multimedia apparatus which is not utilized to conduct the audio conference. Multimedia apparatuses of participants of the audio conference are determined based upon the audio presence data and the device data. Multimedia data files are provided to at least one of multimedia apparatuses using the device data.

¹ See Chang et al. at paragraph [0037].

² See Ludwig at Figure 1, column 6; column 6, lines 28-31.

Ludwig does not disclose or suggest providing multimedia data files based upon device data stored in association with a telephone number corresponding to a participant of an audio conference to a device which is not utilized to conduct the audio conference as recited in amended Claim 15, and by virtue of dependency, any claim depending therefrom. Chang is not relied upon for describing or suggestion this feature and, is infact, also deficient in this regard. Likewise, independent Claims 22 and 30 recite substantially similar features to that discussed above.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 15, 16, 18-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Consequently, in view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

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